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SPYING SOLE TASK OF LONDON CIA

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CIA men in London are "concerned solely with Intelligence" and their role "is fully understood by the British Government," Mr Elliot Richardson, the departing American Ambassador, said yesterday.

"I am fully satisfied that I know that the CIA in the United Kingdom is up to," he said. "So far as I know there are no problems created by any CIA activity in the United Kingdom from the standpoint of the British Government."

Mr Richardson was commenting on a report in today's Time Out magazine claiming the CIA staff in London had increased to 70. It named three men said to be senior members.

Relatively trivial

"I would regard this as a relatively trivial matter but for the kind of risk it creates that led to the assassination of Mr Richard Welch," he said. Mr Welch, the CIA station chief in Athens, was shot after his name and address had appeared in a Greek newspaper.

The Ambassador refused to be drawn on the number of CIA men in London. Asked about the Commons statement by Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, that there were no CIA activities in Britain, he said: "It is an Intelligence function. The question to him dealt with activity."

MORE CIA NAMES 'Fighting Fascism'

OUR WASHINGTON STAFF writes Editors of Counterspy the Washington publication, insisted yesterday they would continue to publish the names of CIA officials in foreign countries despite the assassination in Athens last month of Mr Richard Welch and the publication this week in Paris of the names of another 32 alleged American spies in the Left-wing paper Liberation.

Mr Winslow Peck, 29, a former National Security Agency employee and the magazine's co-editor, confirmed the next issue would contain more names. He said, "We are fighting Fascism. We do not think the CIA's activities are in the spirit of the American constitution."

CIA MEN NAMED

By Our Staff Correspondent in Madrid

Spain's leading weekly news magazine *Cambio 16* has named eight members of Madrid's American Embassy who, it alleges, are in charge of CIA operations in Spain. They include the station chief, said to have previously worked closely with the police in Brazil.

CIA DROPS PLAN TO RAISE RUSSIAN SUB

By Our Washington Staff

The CIA has been forced to drop plans to raise a sunken Russian submarine from the Pacific 750 miles off Hawaii because of the disclosure of this activity in the American Press.

The work of the \$250 million (£125 million) deep sea research and salvage ship *Glomar Explorer*, built to fish up Russian codebooks and nuclear warheads after the submarine went down in 1968, was only partly successful. The CIA salvage effort obtained part of the vessel and some useful military secrets and would have gone back last year for more had the story not leaked.